

Wilson Secures \$223,160 Grant for Head Start

WASHINGTON, DC – Congressman Charlie Wilson (OH-6) is pleased to announce a federal grant worth \$223,160 from U.S. Department of Health and Human Services that will benefit the Head Start Program at the Ironton-Lawrence County Community Action Organization.

Head Start is a federally funded child development program that serves low-income students and their families. Since its inception in 1965, Head Start has helped prepare 25 million pre-school aged children for kindergarten through comprehensive education, health, nutrition, and parent-involvement services.

This Head Start Expansion grant will allow the Ironton-Lawrence County CAO to hire four additional teachers. According to Sharon Daniels, Head Start Director at Ironton-Lawrence County CAO, this addition in teaching staff will allow 32 additional students to enroll at their Early Childhood Academy. The grant will also expand Head Start's home visit program, where teachers visit high-risk and developmentally-disabled students at their homes in order to give some valuable personal attention to the children.

"Congratulations to the Ironton-Lawrence County CAO. Head Start is a great program helping a lot of families in Ohio's Sixth District," Wilson said. "Investing in our children's education is one of the best ways to ensure long-term economic growth."